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AMENDMENTS TO LB 101

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following
2 new sections:

3 "Section 1. (1) The Department of Health and Human
4 Services Finance and Support shall apply for a waiver or an
5 amendment to an existing waiver under the medical assistance
6 program established in section 68-1018 for the purpose of providing
7 medical assistance for intensive early intervention services based
8 on behavioral principles for children with autism spectrum
9 disorders.

10 (2) It is the intent of the Legislature that such waiver
11 or amendment (a) require means testing for and cost sharing by
12 recipient families, (b) limit eligibility only to children for whom
13 such services have been initiated prior to the age of five years,
14 (c) be implemented incrementally over time, (d) require
15 demonstrated progress toward the attainment of treatment goals as a
16 condition for the continued receipt of medical assistance benefits
17 for such treatment, (e) be developed in consultation with the
18 Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature and the
19 federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and with the
20 input of parents and families of children with autism spectrum
21 disorders and organizations advocating on behalf of such persons,
22 and (f) be submitted to the federal Centers for Medicare and
23 Medicaid Services as soon as it is reasonably possible, but no
24 later than July 1, 2006.

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1 (3) The department shall provide monthly progress reports
2 beginning on July 1, 2005, to the Health and Human Services
3 Committee of the Legislature during the preparation of such waiver
4 or amendment.

5 Sec. 2. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect
6 when passed and approved according to law.".